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k orders, and the side of any other stock than treasury stock does not benefit this company one dollar, whereas the sale of
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FLURRY ON WALL STREET OVER NORTHERN SECURITIES.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUIT PROVOKES HEAVY SELLING.

States that he believed the Northern Se-curities Company infringed the anti-trust that he believed the Northern Ses Company infringed the anti-trust
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Losses Extend to Other Stocks.

Elsewhere in the list losses generally ran from 1 to 2 points, and considerably over that in many exceptional cases. On the curb Northern Securities, when issued, dropped over 2 points. The direct concern of such a variously assorted for of securities Company is not very obvious, but the average speculator in stocks, and especially the professional trader, is deeply imbued with the conviction that all his woes are the outgrowth of the conflict for Northern Pacific centrel list year, and that it is only necessary for the trangusment to be made. the outgrowth of the conflict for Northern Pacific centrol list year, and that it is only necessary for the trangisiment to be made of the situation precipitated at that time for the situation precipitation and speculative furor that was interrupted by the May panic. For some time there has been a deep-rooted conviction among the speculators that the Supreme Court would throw out of court Minnessota's stat against the legality of the Northern Securities Company. There has been an assumption, also, which was carefully fostered in the Interest of a revival of speculation, that the public opposition to financial combinations was more apparent this real, and that a demonstration of the public utility of these combinations would secure them against interference been an assumption, also, which was carefully fosicred in the interest of a revival of speculation, that the public opposition to financial combinations was more apparent their real, and that a demonstration would secure them against interference even where technically open to construction of filegality.

Rude Shock to Company. There has the Entire List.

REPUBLIC SPECTAL.

New York, Feb. 20.—The curb market opened rather quiet with the exception of Northern Securities stock. This was adversely affected by the amountment of my proceedings against it possible to the public utility of these combinations would secure them against interference even where technically open to construction of filegality.

carefully nurtured in the financial district. The selling movement invelled the dimensions of the trading during the first hour to a volume equal to a full day's business during the recent past. Prices declined sharpily, and the market looked semidemoralized. Heavy selling for European account added to the burden of the market, and at the same time created a sharp day for exchange, which increased the threat of gold exports. Wherever prices had been moved for looks, it later rulled and moved first uning to 10%, and looks again to 10%, and looks again.

American Can issues were also features but showed strength in opposition to the general tendence are against the conditions to the feet that independent common the conditions to the effect that independent common that plans the conditions to the effect that independent common that plans the conditions to the effect that independent common that plans the conditions to the effect that independent common that plans the providence of the provident tends. The close was irregular, but with an improved tone as compared with the early weak-ness. Total transactions were the beautiest so far that year and very estimated as totaling in the providence of the provide up recently on the presumption that plans were in prospect for combinations of existing properties along the lines of the Northern Securities Company, the effect was especially marked, as in some of the coalers and the Gould Southwesterns. The early excliement was succeeded by comparative quiet. Liquidation proceeded, but in a more orderly manner. Buying for support ocasionally railied the market, but it was discontinued at recoveries and the sagging tendency revived. This course was continued up to the close, which was active and easy, but at the lowest for any intertaint stocks.

There was enormous selling of some of the speculative bonds, especially the Wahach debenure Bs. Baitimore and Ohio convertibles. Union Pacific convertibles, and Consolidated Tobacco 4s, which fell from 1 to 2 to plant a property of the property of the speculative bonds, especially the Wahach debenure Bs. Baitimore and Ohio convertibles. Union Pacific convertibles, and Consolidated Tobacco 4s, which fell from 1 to 2 to plant and the convertibles are the property of the conditions to the effect that independent compliance were suiting to the taken into the conditions to the effect that independent compliance were suiting to the taken into the conditions to the effect that independent compliance were suiting to the taken into the conditions to the effect that independent compliance were suiting to the taken into the conditions to the effect that independent compliance were suiting to the taken into the conditions to the effect that independent compliance were suiting to the taken into the conditions to the effect that independent compliance were suiting to the taken into the conditions to the effect that independent compliance were suiting to the taken into the conditions to the effect that independent compliance works using to the taken into the conditions to the effect that independent compliance works using to the taken into the conditions to the effect that independent compliance works using to the taken into the conditions to the e

Convertibles, Union Pacific convertibles, and Consolidated Tobacco 4s, which fell from 1 to 2 points at one time. In the general bond list there was no pressure of liquidation, although slight declines were the rule. To-tal sales, par value, \$5.720,000. United States as advanced 1s, the refunding 2s 3s, the 3s 1s, and the olds 4% per cent on the last call. Wall Street Gossip. by Francis, Bro. & Co., 214 North

Wall Street Gossip.

Reported by Francis, then & Co. 214 North ourth street.
Lendon soid 2,000 shares in this market to-day be to time the markets closed, and continued to discuss amounts for a time after. Of these ales about one-half was Northern Pacific and be retuniated chiefly B. & O. St. Paul and P. No stock was hought for foreign account, he selling was attributed to the decision of the stories General to begin action.

Other Stocks Affected by the Slump, Even Though Not Included in Merger Scheme.

New York, Feb. 22—The amountement by the Attorney General of the United States that he believed the Northern Securities Company infringed the anti-rust

The strength of Chicago & Alion common under large accumulation of stock was one of the features. On the floor rumor was current that a dividend is planned. T. C. I., after opening down the conversion of the points at 61%, gradually recovered half loss on very heavy buying, supposed to come from a pool, but it again reacted and traders were not disposed to buy it.

Given North.

NEW YORK CURB MARKET. Slump in Northern Securities Affects the Entire List.

would secure them against interference even where technically open to construction of illegality.

Rude Shock to Optimists.

This morning's announcement from Washington was therefore a rude shock to all of

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ANOTHER GUSHER AT BEAUMONT. Prominent St. Louisans Are Interested Another gusber began to spout at Beaumont yes-terday, according to a telegram received by President Charles F. Wenneker of the St. LouisSpindleton Heights till Company, from his representatives, R. L. COA & CO., in Texas, and the second spin of the contractive in the contractive in the contractors and spid-deally been stopped by a flow of oil. A committee of interested St. Leuisans will depart to-day for Beaumont to inspect their property. Effects will be made by Texas oil men to invade the Pullippine market. At plesent these is lands are supplied largely by Russin. In one month 12,300 gallons of crude petroleum were imported, all from Russia, at a valuation of £,122. In the same month fluiding oil was imported in much the same proportions, from Russia, 51,600 gallons from United States, 25, 250 gallons with about 20,000 gallons more from other sources.

Houston Oil Stock Sales. REPUBLIC SPECTAL.
Houston, Tex., Feb. 20.—The whole list active to-day and there were trades in all one-fourth of the stocks called nearly is shares changing hands. Two thousand five i

Dudes," a rule was entered in Judge Tut-hill's court to-day to appear in court with-in twenty days and show cause why he should not be attached for contempt in fail-ure to pay his wife allmony.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones were divorced in May. 1899, and he was "acreed to pay her \$29 a month alimony. Jones is a travelling sales-man. He is said to have 365 suits, one for each day of the year. In his trips about the country for his business house he is said to carry one trunk for his samples and twenty trunks for his private wardrobe.

Palestine-Beaumont, No. 20 Paragon, 20c; L99 Sliver Dime, Sc; Leo San Jachito, De: Texas Geyer, De: 28,50 Victor, 28,620;c. Beaumont OH Stocks Sold-

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 20.—A national crusade in the interest of missionary work was projected at the closing session of the State Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church. A committee was appointed to tour the United States, with the object of arousing interest in the work. The members of the committe left here to-day for Indianapolis, Ind. From that city they will proceed to Columbus, O., thence to the Grand Coilege of Missionary Students, to be held in Toronto, Canada, to consist of delegates of all denominations.

The band of crusadirs is composed of the following widely known workers in the field: J. M. Thoburn, Missionary Bishop of Indian with forty years' experience in missionary work; H. D. Stuntz, D. D., for years one of the chief missionaries in India, and lately of the Philippines: the Reverend J. H. of the chief missionary in the Reverend J. H.
Pyke, returned missionary from China; Eari
Taylor, missionary secretary of the Epworth
League; Willis W. Cooper, secretary of the
Twentieth Century Movement, and W. F.
Oldham, a native of ludia and one of the
general missionary secretaries.

# "KING OF DUDES" IN CONTEMPT. MRS. JOY GIVES A BREAKFAST.

lotted Alimony. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Chicago, Feb. 20.-Against Frank Elsinore Jones, otherwise known as "King of the Dudes," a rule was entered in Judge Tut-

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## RIVER NEWS.

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E. E. SPENCER. Observer in Charge.

River Forceast. River and Business.

To Day's W. ather.

REPURLIC SPECIALS

Caire, Bl., Feb. 20.—The river fell I foot during the past 24 hours; the gatter reads II.4 feet. The weather is cloudy, cold and threatening ratio or new. Rain commencest falling carly this morning, which was followed in the foremon by sleet and mare in the day by smow. The Dick Fowler arrived at 1.52 and returned to Padmah with a light frip at 5 p. m. The Next Heavier from Manulais with a very light trip of freight and people arrived at 3.5 p. m. She will leave on her return trip to-to-grow evening. The H. F. Frishle departed at 3. p. m. She will leave on her return trip to-to-grow evening. The H. F. Frishle departed for the Lewer Mississippi at 6 a. m. with empties. The Halliday & Phillips wharfloods were towed to Mound City to-day by two tags. Meanwhile Valley burge will be used as a wharf. The after force is botated on the third Levee, over the Postal Telegraph office. Semillow & Mallike's shawboast arrived from the Lower Mississippi this afternoon and went to the bank, to awain favorable conditions in the river, when she will go up the Tennessee River. The New South from New Orleans is due to night.

Fadurah Ny, Feb. 20.—River gauge this eyenzacks cotton seed.

Cape Girenleau, Mo., Feb. 21.—Weather snow-ing all due. Hiver conditions unchanged. The part and express are brought over in a skiff each day.
Louisville, Ky. Feb. 20.—River falling; in canal, 4 fact 5 in hes. on falls 2 feet 3 inches; below books, 6 feet 4 inches; Chauly and cold.
Burlington, in. Feb. 20.—The river, is on a
stand at 8 inches allow low-water mark of
1884, Weather clear and warmer.

1884. Weather clear and warmer,
Grand Tower, Ill., Feb. 25.—The gauge reads
4.2 feet and failing. Weather cloudy and cold,
with heavy snew.
Wheeling, W. Va., Feb. 25.—River closed, with
9 feet 3 inclose; failing, Clear and midd.
Chester, Ill., Feb. 25.—Lee in the river is still
from Weather coldier and answing.
Evanceille, Ind., Feb. 25.—River 7.6; failing,
Chondy and cooler; snewing.
Pinsburg, Pu., Feb. 25.—River 3.9 feet; risling Chendy and midd.
Channati, 49. Feb. 25.—River 9 feet; statiscourt, Sleeting.

Money Paid to Shipbuilders Goes to Settle Indemnities. Constantinople. Feb. 20.—The Turkish Government's methods of saving expenses have again been exemplified by the payment of indemnities due to British subjects under the cuise of improving the navy.

Out of ties,000 just paid to the Armstrongs on account of a contract for a new errisor 154,000 was handed over to the officials of the British Embassy to pay Indomnities.

HOW TURKEY SAVES EXPENSES.

Has Failed to Pay His Wife Al. Ladies Prominent in Washington Society Are Her Guests.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Feb. 20-Mrs. Joy, wife of the St. Louis Representative, to-day gave a breakfast to ladies prominent in Washing-Among those present were Mrs. Hitch-ceck, Mrs. Theedore Bingham, Miss Cock-rell, Mrs. Westinghouse, Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Cobb. Miss Cobb, Miss Semple, Mrs. J. B. Henderson and Mrs. Audenreid,

Consting Cost Boy His Life. REPUBLIC SPECIAL
Carlyle, Ill., Feb. 20.—George Bender, aged
S years, son of Henry Bender, a well-known
citizen of Carlyle, died last night from injuries received while coasting.

## WONDERFUL FUTURE PREDICTED FOR SOUTH,

Views Expressed by Authorities Show Great Possibilities in Mining and Manufacturing.

GREAT PRODUCER OF STEEL.

Will Not Much Longer Be Thought of Only as a Land of Cotton-Financial Interests Growing Rapidly.

Experiment, then of national standing as experts in finance and transportation, others who have made projected study of Southern conditions and others still who have long feen prophets of Southern devilence of the United States operated and transportation, others who have made projected of Southern conditions and others still who have long feen prophets of Southern development and have participated therein.

The Higgins Oil and Fur! Company has just let contracts for two barges for use to points that cannot be reached by larger vessels, and other companies are negoticating for the building of barges. While the shipping situation improves slowly, it is apparent that the facilities in the field at the first of the year will be easily doubled by the last of March.

While most of the cotton-seed oil mills which were using oil for fuel have shut down, other plants are adopting it right along, and the stopping of oil shipments to oil mills has made little impression on the demand for oil. A shipper said to The Republic correspondent to-day that the company that could get cars had no trouble about orders, that the orders still keep far in the lead of the increase in shipping faopment and have participated therein.

Prominent among these contributors is

J. Stephen Jeans of London, secretary of
the British from Trade Association, who is
convinced, by close observation, that the
South is not doing all it could do, especially
in from and steel, measured by its superb
advantages. But, after pointing out some
of the difficulties which have delayed its
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\*\*Not Many Alabamas.\*\*

"There are not many Alabamas in the world; there is no other in the United States. In some degree the same r-mark applies, mutatis mutandis, to other iron-making centers of the South."

This view has confirmation from James M. Swank, general manager of the continued production of pig iron on a large scale are amide. Until recently it has been supposed that the South could never become a great sized producer. But the rapid development in late years of the basis open hearth steel industry in this country has not only formished a market for large quantitles of Sauthern basis pig iron, for the manufacture in the South of basic open hearth stoel inself. All in all, the outlook for the iron and steel industries of the South is remarkably bright. The critical period of experiment, doubt and poverty of capital his passed."

The passing of this poverty is noted by James H. Eckels of Chicago, ex-Comptroling the wealth and increased banking facilities, the feature of which is "that it is Southern wealth, developed in the South and largely owned by Southern men, which is doing the thing."

Tracing Progress.

Figures tracing the wonderful progress

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Figures tracing the wonderful progress in Southern railroads during the last twenty years are re-enforced by this opinion of M. B. Ingalls, president of the Clevelant Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Leuts Railroad. "If there is anything on earth that represents the new South to-day it is the railways of the Southenstern country. In playical cendition, in management, in facilities for the public, they compare favorably with any section of the country. Ten years ago they were in many cases a brokendown and disjointed lot, unable to serve the Tracing Progress. down and disjointed lot, unable to serve the public or themselves."
Colonel Alfred B. Shepperson, the noted cotton statistician of New York, quodes the expert opinion of Thomas Effision of Liverpool that "It looks as if the South will very shortly consume more cotton than the North," and adds: "I hebrilly agree with him that it is only a question of time when the Southern mills will undoubtedly use more cotton than those of the Northern States."

In spite of the revolution wrought in the exton mill industry, based upon the long extablished Southern staple. Secretary Jumes Wilson of the United States Department of Agriculture, does not think that the South will be much longer thought of only as the land of cotton.

## ST. LOUIS COUNTY PARAGRAPHS.

Thomas Greggan was yesterday awarded a verdet for \$1.00 against the St. Louis and Suburban Railway Company for injuries sustained on Flymouth avenue December 24, 1800. Greggan was hit by a car while driving across the tracks and sustained injuries that kept him in a hospital for three months.

Marriage Becuses were issued in Clayton yesterday to Barten K. Cannon of Decatur, Ill., and Emma C. Frailey of Col-inswille, Ill.; Louis W. Kropp and Matilda C. Freiss of Altheim and Walter C. Hoppe of No. 4621 Cottage avenue and Lily Comon of No. 1717 Glasgew avenue. Mrs. Johanna Connor Steele of No. Mrs. Johnson Connor Steele of No. 38 Calbwell street. Louisville, wrote to County Clerk Helmering yes, erilay, asking if any one had administered on the estate of her brother. Daniel O'Connor, who dropped dead in front of a livery stable. Mrs. Steele did not remember the date of his death. She stated that she was his only sister, had not seen him for thirty-rix years before his death and that he was supposed to have had considerable money when he died. There is no record of the estate in the Clayton Probate Court

Mrs. Frank Gregg of No. 4152 Wash-Mrs. Frank Gregg of the strength of the property of the proper

### DRIVEN OUT INTO THE STREET Charles Brown's House in County Burned Down.

Charles Brown and his family, who occu

tially by insurance. All the family is at a loss to explain the origin of the fire.

### BEAUMONT LACKS SHIPPING FACILITIES.

Barge Line Proposed to Relieve Congested Oil Fields-Switch En-

gine Burning Oil.

EDUBLIC SPECIAL Beaumont, Tex., Feb. 29,-Beaumont of nen are doing everything possible to relieve the restricted shipping facilities, and not a day passes but something is done along this line, Realizing that the tank-car manufacturers are behind with their orders, there le a desire to use water transportation wherever possible, even to points that can only be reached by light-draft vessels or barges. Of course the water transportation is much the cheaper, where there is a suf-ficient depth of water for larger vessels, and

oil men have come to believe that barges are the only relief from the present car shortage. The Higgins Oil and Fur! Company has

in the lead of the increase in shipping facilities.

A Southern Pacific switch engine in the Beaument yards has been equipped with an oil burner and is now using the new fuel. So far as known here, is the first engine on that system to burn the Beaument oil.

It is entirely possible that a considerable step of new tarritory will be added to the strip of new territory will be added to the proved area within a week. Two or three of the wells that are being drille on the outskirts of the hill are now down near the spouting point, if oil is to be found in them at the usual depth.

Velecity of wind 11 8 90 90 90 Precipitation 0 0 00 Weather at 618 a. m., cloudy, 618 p. m., light snow. Maximum temperature, 23, minimum temperature, 12. River frozen.

E. E. SPENCER, Observer in Charge,

Government Report.

Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.—
Meteorological observations received at St. Louig
Pebruary 20, 192, at 8,39 p. m. beau time and 3
p. m. seventy-fifth meridian time. Observations
made at the same moment of time at all stations.

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Observer in Charge. SUBMERGED IN ICY WATER.

Ferry Company's transfer boat, George A. Madiil, Wednesday evening, fell into the river between the transfer boat and the Charles Brown and his family, who occupled a twe-story frame house at Satter and Watson avenues, a mile west of the city limits, were driven from their home by a fire which destroyed the house shortly after midnight yesterday. They found refuge at a neighbor's house.

Policeman Gibbons of the Mounted District saw the blaze and galloped to the house. He aroused the members of the family in time for all of them to escape with safety. The house was burned to the ground with all its contents. The total damage is estimated at \$5,500, covered par-

Captain McFarland Fell From His Boat Into River. Captain Milton McFarland of the Wiggins